

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 1, 2, 14, 16, 18, and 19 remain withdrawn. Claims 4, 7, 21, 29-33, and 42 are cancelled. Thus, claims 3, 5-6, 8-13, 15, 17, 20, 22-28, and 34-41 are present for examination.

Specification:

The specification has been amended to correct a minor informality.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for the indication that claims 3, 5, 37, 6, 8-12, 38, 39, 13, 15, 17, 40-41, 22-24, 25-28, and 34-36 are allowed.

Allowed claims 3, 6, 9, 12, and 13 have been amended to correct some minor informalities and to improve clarity and, thus, are still believed to be allowable.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fellegara et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,441,854) (hereinafter Fellegara).

Claims 29-33 and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suso et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,069,648) (hereinafter Suso).

Claims 32, 33, and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gowda et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,628,333) (hereinafter Gowda).

Claims 21, 29-33, and 42 have been cancelled. With respect to claim 20, as amended, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 20, as amended, recites a portable information terminal, comprising:

“a camera;

a viewfinder;

a shutter button; and

first and second display units, both of which are used for viewing an image taken in by said camera;

wherein the first display unit is opposite to said second display unit, and the first display unit is used to display said image and is visually seen from a subject side while said second display unit is used to display said image to a person taking a picture; and

wherein said viewfinder is positioned at an upper corner of the information terminal, while said shutter button is positioned at another upper corner of the information terminal.” (Emphasis Added)

A portable information terminal including the above-quoted features has the advantage that first and second display units are provided, where **both** the first and second display units are used for viewing an image taken in by a camera of the portable information terminal. Also, the first display unit is used to display the image to a subject side while the second display unit is used to display the image to a person taking a picture. Moreover, the portable information terminal includes a viewfinder in addition to the first and second display units so that, for example, the viewfinder may be used to take a picture while the second display unit is turned off in order to conserve power. (Specification; page 2, lines 23-29; page 4, lines 1-10 and 15-22; page 12, lines 10-18; page 13, line 24 to page 14, line 1).

Fellegara neither discloses nor suggests a portable information terminal including the above-quoted features with first and second display units that are **both** used for viewing an image taken in by a camera of the portable information terminal. The Examiner points to the LCD display 22 of the camera of Fellegara as being a display unit that can be seen from a subject side while the camera takes a picture of the subject. However, the LCD display 22 of the camera of Fellegara **cannot** be used for viewing an image taken in by the camera. Instead, the LCD display 22 of the camera of Fellegara is only used as a **status unit** to display various camera **status data** to a camera operator. (Fellegara; FIG. 3; column 4, lines 40-47). Indeed, Fellegara states that, “[t]he LCD status unit 22 is a preferably a monochrome device to reduce power requirements, and includes segments for displaying **conventional** camera data

including: time and date data; battery condition data; film speed data; exposure mode data; flash mode data; the presence of a film cartridge; and the number of film exposures remaining.” (Fellegara; column 9, lines 45-51) (Emphasis Added).

Therefore, independent claim 20, as amended, is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited prior art and, hence, is believed to be allowable.

Conclusion:

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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